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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FREEBRIDGE LYNN.

Second Annual Report of Charles Stuart Woodwark M.R.C.S.
(Eng) L.R.C.P. (Lond) Medical Officer of Health of Rural
District of Freebridge Lynn for the year ended 31st December
1911.

The Rural District of Freebridge Lynn comprises 69299 acres devoted to Agriculture and the chief occupation of the inhabitants is Agricultural.

VITAL STATISTICS. The total number of Births during the year was 282 being the highest recorded since 1900 and an increase of twelve over last year 270. Birth rate 23.2.

The total number of Deaths registered in the District was 144 and with 13 deaths of residents who died out of the District brings the number of deaths of the whole District to 157.

Death rate 12.7. Infantile mortality shews an increase of 10 on last year the number being 26 for 1911. Rate per 1000 births 88.6.

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Four deaths occurred in Gayton District - 3 in Castle Rising District - 2 in Hillington District and 2 residents deaths registered out of the District - 1 belonging to Castle Rising District and 1 to Hillington District.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES. The number of cases notified in the District was 17 as compared with 25 in 1910 - 20 in 1909 - 25 in 1908 and 35 in 1907.

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The Rural District of Presbridge farm comprises 62500 acres

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District of Presbridge farm for the year ended 31st December

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Antitoxin is supplied free to practitioners in the District.

C. ENTERIC FEVER. Only 2 cases were notified. 1 case in Hillington District supposed to be due to eating raw cockles gathered at a neighbouring seaside resort. 1 case in Gayton District due to well contaminated by drain. This has now been rectified.

In all cases of Infectious Diseases notified a personal visit has been made by the Medical Officer of Health.

Disinfectants supplied and instructions given as to best methods of preventing spread of infection.

HOUSING. Systematic house to house inspections have been made in the following Parishes:-

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| Ashwicken | Flitcham | North Wootton | Roydon |
| Castleacre | Grimstone | Pentney | Westacre |
| Castle Rising | Harpley | South Wootton | West Bilney |

Inspections have also been made in:-

Gaywood - Gt Massingham - North Runcton - Hillington

East Winch - Leziate and Congham.

In all, 741 inspections have been made and resulting from these inspections:-

87 repaired and placed in a habitable condition.

76 altered and improved.

3 closed voluntarily.

28 at present receiving attention.

The principal defects found were:-

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Middleton 2, West Newton 2, Mintlynn 1, Westacre 1,
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-tion provided.

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Two carcasses of sheep have been ordered to be destroyed.

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stopped the nuisance.

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